

3 August 1952

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Your letter of 5 August is at hand.

I found myself in substantial sympathy with your attitude as expressed in your letter of 14 July to General Smith. We had not managed our negotiations with the three instructors well, and have said so candidly.

However, equal candor forces me to say that I find myself entirely out of sympathy with the attitude reflected in your letter of 5 August.

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[redacted] has been assured in writing that the cancellation of our summer program was without prejudice to him or to his possible future employment by any agency of government. This constitutes, in your words, "a forthright statement" and "a clear cut assurance in writing." It is redundant, but I can add that the Agency's action should not be construed as reflecting adversely on the loyalty or integrity of the man who would have been hired had the program not been cancelled.

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[redacted] has also been told, and I wish to confirm, that this Agency does not disclose its security findings or standards, either to candidates or employees.

As a matter of policy, with which I am sure you will agree on reflection, this Agency will not give a written statement relating to the security clearance, lack of security clearance, degree of security clearance, completion or non-completion of security clearance, or "security" of any individual, whether a candidate or an employee of the Agency. Therefore, no further or different assurances will be given in this matter from those already given to [redacted] and repeated above.

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Very truly yours,

I.G./SHedden/ab

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